

RULE 157.2

ATTORNEYS: APPEARANCES AND WITHDRAWALS

(a) Appearances

An attorney's signature to a pleading shall constitute an appearance. Otherwise, an attorney who wishes to participate in any manner in any action must file a formal written appearance. An appearance whether by pleading or formal written appearance shall be signed by an attorney in his/her individual name and shall state his/her office address and telephone number.

(b) Withdrawals in General

No attorney may withdraw an appearance in any action pending before the trial court except by leave of Court. A defense attorney in any criminal case shall continue the representation until relieved by order of this Court. A motion to withdraw shall be accompanied by a notice of appearance of substitute counsel. In the absence of the appearance of substitute counsel, a motion to withdraw shall set forth sufficient information to enable the Court to rule. Such information may be filed under seal, submitted to the court *in camera*, and shall not be made part of the public record, except by order of the Court.

(c) Trial counsel's duty to continue to represent defendant on appeal until relieved by the Court of Appeals

An attorney who has represented a defendant in a criminal case through sentencing stage before the district court will be responsible for representing the defendant on appeal, whether or not the attorney has entered an appearance in the Court of Appeals, until the attorney is relieved of such duty by the Court of Appeals.